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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [redacted]

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
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SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In instructions of the Bureau, the St. Louis Office obtained copies of a statement allegedly dictated by James Earl Ray, who is presently incarcerated in the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville, Tennessee, which was read by his brother Jerry Ray in a taped interview on station KWK-TV, St. Louis, Missouri, on the evening of 8/14/69.

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In his statement Ray claims he was working with Federal Agents including one "Raoul" in supplying arms for the overthrow of the Castro regime in Spring, 1968, and was in Memphis for same purpose when King was killed and he was used as a "fall guy" to cover the killing. He does not identify the "Federal Agents." It is, of course, not the FBI. He states that his case of travel through Canadian and Mexican borders was a result of Federal Agents' aid and he claims FBI knew of his movements in Mexico. This is not true as Ray traveled in Mexico in Fall, 1967, and we traced these travels after the killing of King in April, 1968. He intimates that former Attorney General Ramsey Clark possibly has knowledge of the plot and will be ruined along with Ray's former Attorneys, Percy Foreman and Arthur Hanes, as well as author William Bradford Huie, who wrote articles on Ray in "Look" magazine. Ray indicates he hopes to talk to CBS in person in near future unless blocked by State and Federal authorities. No information has been developed indicating any Federal Agencies were involved in the King murder and there does not appear to be any logical connection between anti-Castro activities against the killing of King.

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